

II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Claims 1, 15, 25-27, 32 and 38-41 have been amended to even more particularly point out and claim the subject matter of the claims and to place the claims in condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal (*see* MPEP 714.12). Applicants therefore respectfully request that the amendments be entered, and submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-41 are pending in the present application.

A. The Rejection of Claims 1-29 and 34-41

The Examiner rejected claims 1-29 and 34-41 as being unpatentable. Applicants with this paper amend the claims without prejudice. These amendments include the incorporation of the following limitation taken from allowed independent claim 30 into each of independent claims 1, 15, 26, 38 and 40:

“wherein said solid state video data recording unit comprises a conventional flight data recording unit including a processor, said conventional flight data recording unit being manufactured so that said processor runs at a first processing speed; and wherein said conventional flight data recording unit is configured with a software modification to cause said processor to run at a second processing speed, said second processing speed being faster than said first processing speed.”

Other amendments have been made in view of addition of the above limitation. In addition, allowed independent claim 32 has been amended to further recite “said second processing speed being faster than said first processing speed” to make it consistent with allowed independent claim 30.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the previously rejected claims, and/or other claims, in follow-on and/or other applications and to present arguments with respect to such claims in such applications. Furthermore, Applicants note that they do not amend the claims because of

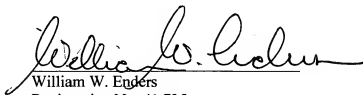
the rejections over the cited references; rather, Applicants merely seek to facilitate compact prosecution and to expedite the issuance of a patent.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the presently pending claims are allowable. Applicants therefore respectfully request a prompt Notice of Allowance.

D. Conclusion

As shown above, pending claims 1-41 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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